

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Title : SOFT HAND-OFF IN CELLULAR MOBILE COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS  
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D. C. 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the subject application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Prior to the first paragraph on page 1, please insert --This application is a divisional of 09/696,574, filed October 25, 2000, now pending, which is a continuation of PCT application Serial No. PCT/GB99/01347, filed on April 28, 1999.--

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 1-31 and 34-69.

**R E M A R K S**

This application is a divisional of 09/696,574, filed October 25, 2000, now pending.

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The '574 application was subject to a restriction requirement which grouped the claims as follows: Claims 1-11, 44-56, 65-69; Claims 12-22, 34-36, 57-62; Claims 26-28, 37-40, 63-64; Claims 29-31, 41-43; Claims 23-25; and claims 32-33 not listed.

Claims 1-31 and 34-69 have been cancelled leaving claims 32-33 for prosecution in this divisional application.

Prior to issuance of a first Office Action in the present Divisional application, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner review the parent case.

Early examination of the claims on their merits is earnestly solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

  
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